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ant(s): Lee

Application No.: 10/564,895

1/17/2006 Filed:

Improved 3D Velocity Modeling, Title: Calibration and Trend Fitting using Geostatistical Techniques, Particularly Advantageous for Curved-Ray

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Attorney Docket No.: 50243

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 5/3/6 MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 USC 371 (Copy Attached)

Dear Sir:

Applicant did miscalculate the number of independent claims in the submission under 35 USC 371, based on the published application. (Applicant notifies the Office that the published application misprinted some claims.) (Also, please note that the inventor/applicant is "Wook B. Lee.")

In the submission under Section 371, however, applicant did authorize the commissioner to charge any additional fees to deposit account 50-1753 (50243.) See page 2 of the Submission under 35 USC Section 371, copy attached. Applicant submits, therefore, that a "late fee" is inappropriate in this case. Nonetheless, a check for \$165.00 is attached to avoid any possible delay of the application. Please credit the deposit account, as requested, if you agree that a late fee is inappropriate.

Attached also find a copy of the transmittal letter to the United States Receiving Office including the "declaration of inventorship." The return postcard indicates receipt by the PCT on 5 August 2004, copy also attached.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 01/17/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 01/17/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 01/17/2006 :
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 01/17/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 01/17/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 01/17/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 01/17/2006
- Specification filed on 01/17/2006
- Claims filed on 01/17/2006
- Abstracts filed on 01/17/2006
- Drawings filed on 01/17/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of \$100 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are
 required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are
 due.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath
or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27,
must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$165 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$ 100
 - \$100 for 3 independent claims over 3.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.

PAULETTE R KIDWELL

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FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 (371 Formalities Notice)

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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